

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Christopher W. Ferguson on 9/21/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

2. **The following claims have been amended and complete list is provided below:**

a. **List of claims**

1. (Currently Amended) A cleaning appliance of the cylinder type, comprising a main body and a hose and wand assembly, the hose and wand assembly comprising a telescopic wand movable between retracted and extended positions and a flexible hose having a first end connected to the main body and a second end connected to the wand,

wherein the main body comprises hose seats located at forward and rearward positions of the main body, the hose seats defining recesses within the main body for holding the hose in a fixed position with respect to the main body at a plurality of points along the length of the hose when the hose is made to pass at least once around the main body, and

wherein the wand and the main body incorporate a retainer that releasably attaches the wand to the main body when the wand is in the retracted position and the hose is held in the hose seats.

2. (Previously Presented) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 1, wherein the hose passes more than once around the main body when the wand is attached thereto.

3. (Previously Presented) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 1, wherein the hose follows a predetermined path around the main body when the wand is attached thereto.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 1, wherein the main body comprises a cyclonic separator having a collecting bin for collecting dirt and debris and the wand is releasably attachable to the collecting bin.

6. (Currently Amended) A cleaning appliance of the cylinder type comprising a main body and a hose and wand assembly, the main body comprising two generally cylindrical containers lying parallel next to one another, and the hose and wand assembly comprising a telescopic wand movable between retracted and extended positions and having a handle, and a flexible hose having a first end connected to the main body and a second end connected to the wand,

wherein an upper surface of the main body comprises a channel lying between the containers for receiving the wand, and the wand and the main body incorporate a locking mechanism that releasably locks the wand to the upper surface of the main body when the wand is in the retracted position so that the cleaning appliance can be carried by the handle.

7. (Previously Presented) The cleaning appliance according to claim 6, wherein the locking mechanism is located in the channel.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 6 or 7, wherein the channel has a sufficient depth to allow the wand to lie substantially flush with the upper surface of the main body when the wand is received in the channel.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 6, wherein the handle may also be used by the user to manipulate the hose and wand assembly during normal use.

12. (Currently Amended) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 6, wherein the handle extends in a direction which is substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the wand so as to provide a plurality of longitudinally offset positions for lifting the main body and for manipulating the hose and wand assembly.

13. (Previously Presented) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 1 or 6, wherein the wand may be attached to the main body when the main body is oriented for normal use.

14. (Previously Presented) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 13, wherein the main body has wheels or rollers arranged so as to allow the main body to move across a surface to be cleaned and the wheels or rollers remain in contact with the surface when the wand is attached to the main body.

15. (Previously Presented) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 1 or 6, wherein a substantial part of the length of the wand, in the retracted position, lies alongside the main body when the wand is attached thereto.

16. (Previously Presented) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 15, wherein substantially all of the wand, in the retracted position, lies alongside the main body when the wand is attached thereto.

17. (Previously Presented) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 1 or 6, further comprising a rotation preventer that prevents rotation of the wand when it is attached to the main body.

18. (Previously Presented) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 17, wherein the rotation preventer comprises a first part, mounted on the main body, and a second part mounted on the wand, each part having a face which extends radially with respect to the longitudinal axis of the wand.

19. (Previously Presented) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 1 or 6, wherein the hose and wand assembly carries a release member for releasing the wand from the main body.

20. (Previously Presented) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 19, wherein the wand comprises a lock configured to lock the wand in the retracted position and actuation of the release member also releases the lock.

21. (Previously Presented) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 1 or 6, wherein the first and second ends of the hose are located adjacent one another when the wand is attached to the main body.

22. (Previously Presented) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 1 or 6, wherein the first and second ends of the hose are circumferentially spaced apart from one another when the wand is attached to the main body.

23. (Previously Presented) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 1 or 6, wherein the cleaning appliance takes the form of a vacuum cleaner.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) A cleaning appliance of the cylinder type, comprising a main body and a hose and wand assembly, the main body comprising a hose receiving channel provided on multiple sides of the main body, the hose and wand

assembly comprising a telescopic wand movable between retracted and extended positions and a flexible hose having a first end connected to the main body and a second end connected to the wand,

wherein the wand and main body incorporate a retainer that releasably attaches the wand to the main body when the wand is in the retracted position and the hose passes at least once around the main body and is received by the hose receiving channel.

26. (Currently Amended) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 1, wherein the main body comprises a separating apparatus removably mounted on a chassis and the retainer releasably attaches the wand to the separating apparatus.

27. (Currently Amended) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 25, wherein the main body comprises a separating apparatus removably mounted on a chassis and the retainer releasably attaches the wand to the separating apparatus.

28. (Currently Amended) A cleaning appliance of the cylinder type, comprising a main body and a hose and wand assembly, the main body comprising hose retaining features provided on multiple sides of the main body, and the hose and wand assembly comprising a telescopic wand movable between retracted and extended positions and a flexible hose having a first end connected to the main body and a second end connected to the wand,

wherein the wand and the main body incorporate a retainer that releasably attaches the wand to the main body when the wand is in the retracted position and the hose passes at least once around the main body and is retained by the hose retaining features.

29. (Previously Presented) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 25, wherein the hose follows a predetermined path around the main body when the wand is attached thereto.

30. (Previously Presented) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 25, wherein the main body comprises a cyclonic separator having a collecting bin for collecting dirt and debris and the wand is releasably attachable to the collecting bin.

31. (Previously Presented) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 25, wherein the wand may be attached to the main body when the main body is oriented for normal use.

32. (Previously Presented) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 25, wherein a substantial part of the length of the wand, in the retracted position, lies alongside the main body when the wand is attached thereto.

33. (Currently Amended) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 25, further comprising a rotation preventer that prevents rotation of the wand when [[it]] the wand is attached to the main body.

34. (Previously Presented) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 25, wherein the hose and wand assembly carries a release member for releasing the wand from the main body.

35. (Previously Presented) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 25, wherein the first and second ends of the hose are located adjacent one another when the wand is attached to the main body.

36. (Previously Presented) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 25, wherein first and second ends of the hose are circumferentially spaced apart from one another when the wand is attached to the main body.

37. (Previously Presented) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 25, wherein the cleaning appliance takes the form of a vacuum cleaner.

38. (New) The cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 25, wherein the hose receiving channel is a single continuous channel.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

b. The present invention is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the prior art because the main body discloses multiple recesses or channels for holding the hose in combination with other limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LEE D. WILSON whose telephone number is 571-272-4499. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH.

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